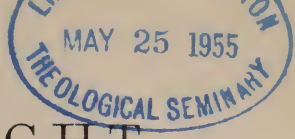




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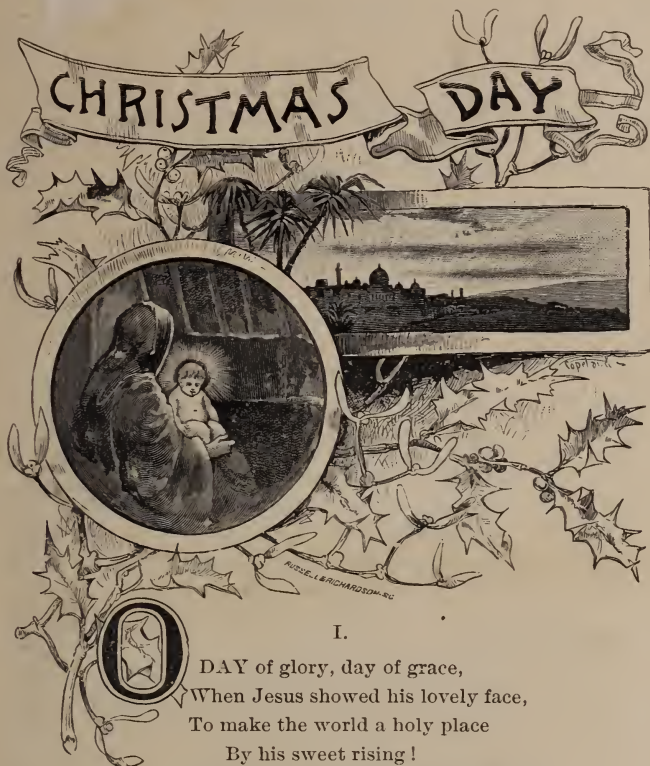
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I.

O DAY of glory, day of grace,
 When Jesus showed his lovely face,
 To make the world a holy place
 By his sweet rising !
 How shall we tell his precious worth ?
 How shall we hail his wondrous birth —
 This sorrowful and sinful earth —
 With peace surprising ?

II.

Love, all love which overpast !
 The Father, in his pity vast,
 Out of his secret bosom cast
 This Pearl most holy ;
 And in the stable it was found,
 Where camels stood, their loads unbound,
 And meek-eyed cattle gathered round —
 The manger lowly.

III.

The midnight sky is all ablaze
 With sudden light and golden rays
 Of angels, watching with amaze
 His opening story:
 The blessed virgin mother there,
 Bending above her infant fair,
 And pondering on that marvel rare —
 That undreamt glory !

IV.

And lo ! the echo of a song,
 Which deepens as it rolls along —
 The chorus of a countless throng,
 Like a low thunder.
 The sacred hills of Palestine
 Are flooded with a voice divine;
 The shepherds listen to the sign
 With a hushed wonder.

V.

Well might that song of songs be heard !
 Well might the angel host be stirred
 To hover o'er the Incarnate Word
 With adoration!
 Well might the air with bliss be fraught,
 And splendor passing human thought ;
 " Glad tidings of great joy " are brought
 To every nation !

VI.

Welcome, then, this happy morn
 On which the Saviour, Christ, was born !
 With flowers his infant brow adorn —
 Lilies and roses.
 " Glory to God " for his dear Son,
 And " peace on earth," through suffering won;
 Heaven's hallelujah is begun —
 And never closes.

VII.

Jesus was born this Christmas tide —
Born that he might be crucified;
The sad-glad tidings, waft them wide
Beyond the waters.
In him all nations may be blessed,
In him all weary ones find rest —
Poor wanderers in the farthest West,
And India's daughters.

VIII.

Our thanks this day to God we lift
For his unutterable Gift,
And bid the good news circle swift,
On eagle pinion,
Till earth permits "a little child
To lead her" with attraction mild,
And every utmost region wild
Owns his dominion !

Richard Wilton, in "India's Women."



“HAST THOU FAITH?”

BY MRS. W. B. CAPRON.

ON the 26th of June, when I went to Pasumalai, to attend to our weekly prayer-meeting, I was anxious to see the Tirumangalam Bible-woman. She had come to a friend's house to be taken care of, for her last days were come. I found her mind very clear, and her voice stronger and more natural than I could have expected. She was glad to see me.

I said to her: “I am very glad to see you once more, S—. You are nearly through with your life on earth; and how does it seem to you as you think over the past, and look into the future?”

She replied: “Jesus is a great Saviour. I believe He has forgiven all my sins.”

I then asked, “What verse in the Bible comes oftener than any other into your mind?”

“‘The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.’” Pausing a moment, she added, “I rest upon it.”

I then said a few words on praying to have every corner of the heart opened to Him. To this she replied: “There is a verse which I heard from you once which has given me much comfort—‘Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.’ It comes often to my thoughts.” So I took its shining parts and went over them, to her evident satisfaction. After some words suited, I hoped, to comfort her, I said:—

S—, would you like a little more Bible-woman's work to do? I can give you some.”

With a smile of incredulity and much enthusiasm, she answered: “I should like it very much indeed. Tell me.”

I replied that I was afraid that she was too weak to hear so long a story, but that I would stop as soon as I should see that it was more than she could bear. It was most interesting to see this woman's mind take in all that I went on to say, and how it seemed to exhilarate her. This was it:—

“Last Christmas-time I had several calls from a Brahman woman, who was threatened with what I feared would be cancer. I have not seen her since; but on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday my thoughts were so continually reverted to this woman, that I determined to go on Monday evening, after my work in the houses was done, and inquire about her. I had once much relieved her daughter, and the family have always remembered it. When I would call on them I was accustomed to see this woman; but, as a Brahman widow after the strictest sort, she would stand at a distance.

“What was my surprise, on Monday early, to see this daughter

driving up to the door. I at once told her how much her mother had been in my thoughts and my intention. To this she replied: 'My mother came down from Trichinopoly on Saturday night. She is a terrible sufferer from cancer, and wrote to us that she wanted to come to Madura to die, and that she wanted you to come and see her, as she knew you would. We wrote to her to come at once; and she would have sent me yesterday, but that it was your special day.'

"I asked, 'Does she know that she cannot get well?'

"'Oh, yes! She knows that; but asks how soon you will come.'

"'To-night,' I answered."

"And did you go?" said the dying Bible-woman.

"Yes; I went. All day long on my mind lay the question, Is that woman come to Madura to be saved? Is it possible?

"I found her in a hopeless condition as to recovery, and I was surprised to have her say that she wanted to be where I could come to see her. I told her that if I was going to give her comfort, it could only be in my way, and not in hers. She smiled brightly, and replied, 'It is your way that I want.' I went again on Wednesday, and I am going again to-morrow. Now, S——," I said, "here is your work. You must pray for her, and beg Jesus, the Saviour, to give her the peace and light that so comfort you. Perhaps you may be in heaven soon, and she may be brought to you, that you may see how gloriously the Lord saves."

"Yes," said the Bible-woman; "I am glad you told me. It will be nice to think about her, and I will pray for her."

She had so much strength, and seemed so mentally bright, that I could not think her end so near. The next morning she again spoke to those about her of the precious verse, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Then, sometimes seeming to recall the melody, and sometimes repeating the whole hymn, "I Have a Father in the Promised Land," she sank gradually, and breathed her last at half-past two.

Mr. Tracy came from Tirumangalam to conduct the funeral services. His visits had been a pleasure to her, and she had left a sum of money to be used by him as some memorial offering in the station. I did not know this until my return from my visit to my sufferer.

How near to us is the eternal world. I was resting upon her prayers while she was far away. Her great peace and comforting faith in her Saviour were such bright realities that I longed to be, as it were, a heavenly messenger to carry them to my poor Brahman woman.

This was a new experience to me, in a certain way. I have

great faith in the living power of God's Word; and when I know that there have been opportunities for hearing or reading it, and especially if some of its precious verses have been stored away in the memory, my faith seems to lay hold of this; but here was a case where no such resting-place was to be found. And then to think of all her accumulated superstitions, and austerities, and ignorance! Here she was, laying hold of me for comfort in dying, and I had not faith to believe that the world's Redeemer was intending to reveal himself as her Saviour!

It was a morning never to be forgotten. It was a severe test for me, but I could, and did say, "Lord, if it be thou who dost send me to that house, bid me first come to thee through this sea of unbelief, for my faith is sinking, and all seems dark and impossible."

There seemed to be no one in the house but the mother and daughter. I was thinking as I looked at her body, unusually repulsive even for such a disease, how faithful had been her washings and fastings. She suddenly looked up at me, and said:—

"For years and years I have bathed this body three times a day, and now look at it!"

"Yes," said the daughter; "and how faithfully she has fasted. I have often wondered how she endured it."

Said the mother, "It does not seem to have done much good."

Oh! how bitterly she smiled; and then looking with her full, dark eyes into mine, she asked, "Do you think that God is angry with me, that he should smite me with this awful disease?"

I replied, "You have been saying all your prayers, and you have been committing all your fastings and ablutions to your household *swamy*—I do not know the name. God, my glorious heavenly Father, has had no part in it all."

With the same bitter smile she waved her hand, saying: "All for nothing. It does not count anything. You need not think I set any value on it."

"Do you mean to say," I asked, "that you have no merit to rest on, after such a long, faithful devotion to all the rites of your worship?"

"Dust, dust!" was the reply.

The daughter, a beautiful, sympathetic spirit, as I had long known, with tears running down her cheeks, said, "We do all these things, and have all these observances, because others do, and we must go with them; but look at her now."

Heathenism and Brahmanism were laid low. That was evident. It was, indeed, "Look at her now." The Lord must come, and he must come now, for the time was short.

"Do you remember anything that I said when I was here last?" I asked.

"You said that Jesus was a better name than Rama or Siva. Did you mean that I must keep saying 'Jesus, Jesus,' instead of 'Rama, Rama?'"

It must be said, in passing, that much merit is attached to long repetitions of these names.

"Oh, no! Jesus does not wish that. He looks beyond the lips, into your heart, and looks all over, to see if he can find any love or trust in him there."

Again those great eyes were lifted to mine. "He sees," she said, "that all my past life has no merit in it, and that it was all the time only dust." This seemed to reveal that she was making Jesus real, or, rather, that the blessed Lord was making himself real to her, and this gave me great hope. So I replied:—

"Cannot you tell Him so? Cannot you trust yourself to him? You cannot think how real all will become to you as soon as you give yourself into his keeping, and his only."

Now the pain and distress came over her like many billows. "Oh!" she cried, "can you tell me how many days I must live? Is God a merciful God?"

When she was soothed, and quiet again, I told her that she had not many such days before her, and that I hoped that God would spare her life until she knew that the Lord Jesus was the Saviour of her never-dying soul. I set before her as clearly as I could his great mission to our world, and the free, gracious pardon to all. I taught her a short prayer, which her soul grasped as it had done nothing that I had said. She repeated it over and over to me. It was touching to see how her daughter would try to make clearer everything that she thought her mother did not quite comprehend. The great love wherewith He loved us seemed around us all; and promising to come in three days, I left.

For three weeks more, three times a week, I went to this house. The next three visits were very trying. I was sure that a Brahman priest was behind a screen, for, although all were polite and kind, the constraint was apparent. Once the dear woman asked me to come in the morning instead of the evening, as there would not be so many people about. So I went in the morning, and was met at the door by the daughter's husband, who said that as she was taking her food it was not a convenient time. I was beginning to feel doubtful as to the wisdom of going again, and asked that the daughter might come to the door.

I told her that I did not wish to intrude, but that her mother was much in my thoughts, and that I much wished to see her.

She replied: "Your words are my mother's great comfort. She is constantly talking to me about what you have said to her, and told me to tell you not to stay away, for she watched for your coming."

Once more I found the mother alone, but the daughter was absent. She was exhausted with suffering, and her mind was less clear. She would follow me intelligently, but said little. I told her that I doubted if I saw her alive again, and asked her if she had anything to say about the Saviour of sinners. I longed for one ray of light.

"You said that Jesus made all holy," was her reply.

"Has he made you holy?" I asked.

"I say it over and over. All the rest is dust."

"This was all that I was to receive. She had spent her whole life in the one great effort for holiness, and at the last found it all a vain thing. In his infinite compassion the Lord Jesus had shown her this, and I could only hope that he had also the blessed purpose to clothe her with his own righteousness. All the anxiety and fear lest I had not done my part are known to him. I tell you all this, dear heart, that you may understand the better what to pray for as you ought when you pray for Madura City. With all that is interesting and inspiring in our work, there remains the fact that the Saviour sought is not the one who saves from the guilt and power of sin, but the one who brings life, light, and immortality.

I went to my poor sufferer one Thursday morning. The daughter's husband came to the carriage. Said he:—

"She sat up on Tuesday, and as she lay down she said, 'I shall never sit up again.' She did not speak after this, though her mind was bright. She breathed her last on Wednesday noon. You have been very kind to come, and she cared more for your visits than for anything else."

There is nothing more to be told; but you, in whose eyes have been tears, will know how much remained to be thought.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE EASTERN TURKEY MISSION.

TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS: The Eastern Turkey Mission, assembled by representatives in annual meeting at Mardin, sends greeting.

Under an Oriental sky, trains of deliberate camels passing with effortless speed by our windows on the north, while the monotonous, week-long, day-and-night drumming and fifing of an Oriental wedding assail the ear from the south, we remember you

in the land of the telephone and the steam-whistle, encouraging ourselves in the thought of your sympathy, and glad that we are not alone in our work.

A condensation of the reports of woman's work in the several fields presented to the annual meeting gives the following items: The girls' school in Mardin has been discontinued this year, owing to Miss Sears's absence in America and Miss Pratt's embracing a long-desired opportunity to labor in Mosul. Ten of the pupils have been teaching school this winter. Ill for five weeks after reaching Mosul, Miss Pratt began in November her work of calling from house to house for prayer and religious conversation. She visited principally at Protestant houses, though going sometimes, by invitation, to those of Jacobites and Papists, who always wished her to read the Bible and pray, and urged her to come often.

One woman, daughter of a Protestant, but the wife of a very wicked man, said to her, "Now I will talk to you just as if you were the father-confessor. I will show you why it is impossible for me to be a Christian." Among the reasons given were the opposition of her husband and the prejudices of the people. These in Mosul are so strong, that even a Protestant's wife and daughter refrained from attending a second service one feast-day because "it was a shame to be seen in the street so often on such a day." This poor woman listened eagerly, and with a look of surprise as the teacher told her how we may feel that Jesus is with us all the time, helping us in everything we do; but Miss Pratt never saw her again, and knows nothing more about her, except that she is one of the very few women of Mosul who are able to read, and have a copy of the Scriptures, "which are able to make us wise unto salvation."

At Van, Misses Johnson and Kimball have been able to take entire charge of classes in the girls' school, Mrs. Reynolds having the care of the domestic department. The school numbers about thirty, of whom one-third are boarders. Two pupils united with the church last year, and two are soon to be examined for church-membership.

At Bitlis there are about thirty-five pupils (all boarders) in the Misses Ely's school. Of these it is believed that nearly all are Christians. It is pleasant to hear of their interest in the weekly "experience meetings," and their zeal in earning money for their society established in aid of girls too poor to provide themselves suitable clothing. Sometimes they earn money by picking over *bulgoor*, a kind of cracked wheat, which forms one of the universal articles of diet here. They agreed together to ask that the

money which went to furnish nuts and raisins for their dessert one day in the week, might be given to their society. The Misses Ely discouraged this plan, and supposed it had been abandoned, till one day when two large bags of nuts and raisins were brought them as contributions to the home missionary society.

Besides this boarding-school, there are three day-schools for girls in Bitlis, which are almost entirely self-supporting, only three hundred *piasters* (about fourteen dollars) aid being asked for the three schools.

The work for women in the Erzroom field this year has been encouraging. The girls' school of twenty-five pupils (four of them boarders), under the efficient supervision of Miss Powers, its primary department of fifty pupils, and the four girls' schools in other parts of the field, all report progress. Two of the girl-teachers from the Erzroom boarding-school hold weekly meetings with the women, and to some extent are doing the work of Bible-readers. One has charge of a Sunday-school.

Miss Van Duzee accompanied Mr. Wm. Chambers, last fall, on a tour to Khanoos, stopping on their return to see the work on the Passim plain, and would gladly have joined him on the Russian tour had there been money enough to defray the additional expense.

In the city of Erzroom over eighty calls have been made during the fall and winter, almost always with reading and explanation of Scripture and prayer.

The female department of the college at Harpoot numbers eighteen pupils, the preparatory department sixty-two, the primary ten, giving a total of ninety. The preparatory course of study extends through four years, the same amount of time being required for the college course. All those in the college course are church-members; six only from the preparatory department, though it is hoped that a number of those who are not church-members should be regarded as Christians. Sixteen pupils are now in the field teaching, besides many pastors' wives, who are extending the influence of the school in their several homes.

The school has this year entered the new and commodious building erected under Mr. Wheeler's supervision. A class of three was graduated this summer. Miss Wright having resigned her connection with the school at the Easter vacation, Miss Seymour assumed its temporary charge.

The touring work of Misses Seymour and Bush was reported by the following paper from Miss Seymour's pen:—

WORK FOR WOMEN.

The importance of work for the women of our field has constantly grown this winter in the minds of the workers. Their many burdens, their needs, their influence on the future of the land we are all trying to lift out of its degradation and sin, demand all our energies, and enlist our warmest sympathy and most earnest prayers.

When we see how many times promises to read the Bible daily, and to pray, or to begin a new life, are remembered and kept long after *we* have forgotten them, how quickly and in what numbers the women flock to hear our words, apparently hungry for sympathy and encouragement, we can only wish that the hands to work might be multiplied, and the hearts to feel might receive a new baptism of the Holy Spirit.

One stormy day this winter an old man, scantily clad, but with the air of one assured of a welcome, came to the *konak* [missionary quarters] in Harpoot, and said he had come from his village just to get a primer for his son's wife.

"We had long felt," he said, "that she ought to learn to read, but when you came and talked to us about it we decided we would not wait any longer."

It was the village sexton, whose chief fitness for the office, we all know, is his extreme poverty.

The women in the village are so busy with their field-work, and our city sisters in their preparation of supplies for winter, that they are not very accessible in the early autumn; still, touring was commenced about September 10th, and, with the exception of occasional visits to Harpoot, was continued till the time of the annual meeting (May 19th). Last year nearly every place in our field where there are Protestants was visited. This year the villages in the Arabkir region were left out.

Our plan of working has been to visit the schools for both sexes, to go to the homes of all the Protestant families, and, so far as possible, converse with each woman about her spiritual condition and the performance of her home duties. Not only do we visit Protestant homes, but we go wherever we think the women will receive us; and we seldom meet with a rebuff. When we make a short stay in a village we try, if practicable, to hold daily meetings with the women. We are always sure that the evenings will bring quite a number of the brethren, accompanied by their wives, and try to have the time pass profitably in reading stories or tracts in Armenian, or in translating extracts from our well-filled religious newspapers. Intemperance has become such a trying

evil in our field, that the subject is frequently brought into our evening conversations.

In one place that we visited even one of the stronger sex said to the wife of the pastor, "I have tried all the week that these ladies have been here to get an opportunity to talk with them about my religious state, but I have never come without finding them occupied with others."

In some of our larger cities greater numbers than ever before have gathered at our noon-day meetings. In the last tour made, two hundred and fifty women were present at the Sabbath meeting in Choonkoosh, one hundred and fifty at Diarbekir; and Hulakegh always rejoices our hearts with its large gatherings of women, nearly every one a reader, and well instructed in the Bible. We would like to record a similar interest where the pastor's or preacher's wife tries to sustain the weekly meetings; but in some places too little interest is felt in these gatherings.

One little instance gave us encouragement. In a small village, where the wife of the helper was not with him, the wife of the chief Protestant, self-moved, began last fall to hold meetings with the few sisters. This spring, in passing through her village, we stopped at her house to tell her how glad she had made us in our former visit, by her efforts for the women, and asked if she still continued her meetings.

"Yes, teacher; the sisters have come to my house every Sabbath this winter but once, when I went to my mother's home in another village." Six years ago this woman was not a Protestant, and could not read; but becoming the wife of a Protestant brother, and being very bright, she soon learned to read her Bible, and now uses her influence for Christ.

We should like to tell you of the work of the women in their societies, the avails of which have bought vessels for the communion service, carpets for the chapels (the more desirable, since all sit upon the floor), or otherwise aided in improving the appearance of the house of God; have purchased maps for the school-room, and aided in paying the salaries of the female teachers.

These teachers, being old pupils of ours, are always ready to listen to our suggestions for any improvement in discipline or teaching. We should like to have an efficient corps of Bible-readers to constantly stimulate and help the weak and easily-discouraged readers of the Bible, and to give lessons to those who have never learned.

Often the wife of the pastor or preacher is so burdened with family cares as to make it impossible for her to undertake such service, and it is difficult to find one fitted for it. Owing to the

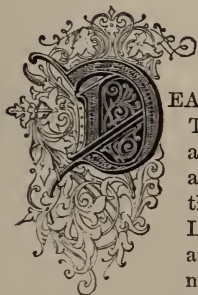
difficulty of finding suitable workers, and because of our insisting that a portion of their salary shall be paid by those for whom they labor, the number of such workers in our field is limited.

While work for women has been going on in the out-stations, Harpoot City has not been forgotten. Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Browne have held meetings in a lower quarter of the city. These meetings are held at the house of a Protestant sister, but the comers are always women from the old church, who are attracted by the spirit of love that seeks to help them. The attendance is from eight to fourteen. We have reason to thank God and take courage as we remember the guidance and help vouchsafed to us the past year. The Lord always prepared our way before us, and often blessed our efforts far beyond our expectations. Though "only women," we have invariably been treated with deference by both men and women. We never left a place without a feeling of sorrow that we must leave so much work undone; and as we gain more and more acquaintance with the field, with individuals, and with the needs of the churches, our daily question is, "Who is sufficient for these things?" while, even when mind and body are most weary, and the soul most oppressed by care and anxiety, comes the comforting answer from above, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Yours in Christian love,

MARY P. WRIGHT.

Young People's Department.



LETTER FROM MISS HOLBROOK.

DEAR YOUNG LADIES, SHAREHOLDERS IN THE TUNG-CHO DISPENSARY: A few months ago a request was sent to the "central office," asking for funds for a new dispensary, and that message was "telephoned," through LIFE AND LIGHT, to all the "Branch Offices," and the young ladies circles enthusiastically made themselves responsible for \$1,500.

Before the answer reached me, even, the land was purchased, and all odd minutes were full of what was to be

done "year after next." Certain scraps of paper laying around bore marks suspiciously like house-plans. The whole affair did seem to me a little like an air-castle, sometimes, when I stopped to think about it; but the fever was on, and with me, as you who know me personally can testify, it had to run its course!

The solution of that problem which I have been to work at all my life,—how to get the most out of the least,—this time resulted in a beautiful plan that just fitted into the building-lot, and not a scrap of space left over.

This attack proved contagious, too, or infectious, — we won't quarrel about the term,—for I was hardly convalescent when word came that the money was all collected, and building might begin as soon as practicable. And so you see my "year after next" was changed into "day after to-morrow," and the castle turned out a pretty substantial one, after all.

Before me lay a pile of twenty-one letters from friends, new and old, expressing sympathy, encouragement, and support in this work. One young lady writes: "To read this letter is part of the price you pay for being a missionary." What price *did* I pay? Really it was so small, I've most forgotten. One thing I know: it was a most paying investment — shares way above par, and no watered stock. If reading and writing letters is a part of the price I pay, a wide circle of very dear friends, I know, is a part of the dividend I receive.

In the September number of *The Century* is an appeal by Julia Dorr to the "young women whose school-days are but lately over, and to the memory of every woman who has not forgotten her girlhood," not to "settle down into the inexpressible weariness and depression that comes from a little crocheting, a little embroidering, a little housework, a little music, a little visiting, a little dressing, a little reading, a little of this, that, and the other." She then sets forth a scheme for mutual improvement, whereby we can "choose and hold fast the very best in our individual reach."

But, girls, I think we have found a still better way — we whose motto is not to choose and hold fast all in our reach even of the best, but to give as much, as fast, and as far, as we can of that which is best of all: first to Christ, and then, in his name, to all for whom Christ died. Is not that an individual reach wide enough to satisfy every earnest, ambitious heart? We who, either at home or abroad, have thus given the work of hand, mind, or heart, do not find ourselves "feeding on husks," neither does "life, that seemed to our young imagination so noble, so grand, something to glory in and thank God for, dwindle down to a thing of

mere shreds and patches," but rather does the very giving of life and light to those who sit in darkness and death make our own lives broader, deeper, and richer.

And now, dear girls, older and younger, to each and every one who has opened her heart and hand to this good work, in the name of all suffering women and children who, so long as this dispensary stands, shall receive bodily and spiritual healing, in the name of all these, accept my thanks.

Your co-laborer in one and the same work,

MARIANA HOLBROOK.

Our Work at Home.

THE COMING YEAR.

ANOTHER year has closed. It seems but a moment since, as a Board, we stood upon its threshold gazing anxiously into its dim mysteries, wondering what its weeks and months would bring forth of success or failure, joy or sorrow, encouragement or disappointment. At its close we have but one note to sound through all our borders—a note of praise and thanksgiving, "The Lord hath blessed his people!" "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints."

We think we may say that in no other year in our history has there been more satisfactory progress than in the one just closed. There have been years when the number of new organizations has been greater, when statistics of all kinds have made a more decided advance; but never, we believe, has the progress in true and permanent strength been greater than in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-four. To those who are watching this work among the women in our churches in all the length and breadth of our territory, it is a matter of much thanksgiving, not unmixed, we must confess, with a certain wonder to see how the interest deepens and widens; how the enthusiasm not only continues unabated, but is constantly adding to its swift current, becoming with some almost an absorbing passion; how the various meetings grow in spirituality and power, making them in deed and in truth heavenly places; how the giving grows spontaneous and consecrated;

how the bond that draws the workers grows closer and dearer, creating social enjoyments on a true foundation, and so giving unalloyed pleasure; above all, to see that the foundation of it all is one that never can be moved — a true love for our Lord, his work, and his kingdom. What gives us the greatest strength, however, is the abiding conviction that our God has set his seal upon our work; that he is beginning the fulfillment of his ancient prophecy that has received a new meaning in the Revised Version, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of women that published it;" that he means to use the women and children in bringing the world to himself.

We may be sure that these results have not been brought about by accident, neither has there been any miracle. At the beginning of the year we asked for four very simple things—more prayer, deeper consecration, greater effort, larger gifts; and we believe it has been through just these means that progress has been made. If the story of all these earnest prayers, new consecrations, special efforts, and individual thank-offerings could be written out, we believe they would bring to light such heart-searchings, such spiritual uplifting, such sacrifice of time, and ease, and precious treasures as would fill a volume of intensest interest. Now in the retrospect, do we hear of regrets over these experiences? Does any one say, I am sorry I made this sacrifice, that I gave up that pleasure, that I "abridged a ruffle or subtracted a tuck," that I might make time to attend the missionary meeting? Does any one say, How foolish I was to be led away by my enthusiasm to make such a large thank-offering? I wish I had never made that special consecration, that seemed to lead me to do things I never thought I could do before? Ah no! we never hear such words as these. The tongue would falter and the lips refuse to utter such thoughts. Does not every such recollection the rather send a glow through our hearts and a feeling of satisfaction at every such treasure laid away where it can never be lost nor defiled.

Now, dear friends, are you willing to make equal effort and sacrifice the coming year? What has been done *can* be done again. What cost us much during the past twelve months may, perhaps, be done with ease in the future, but we cannot doubt that other efforts, other sacrifices, no less costly, may be needed for the coming work. With King David we wish to ask, Who is willing to consecrate her service this day unto the Lord afresh? Does the work demand it? Never so much as now; never did our Lord so surely beckon us onward; never were the openings so many and so grand as at the present moment.

The greatest need just now is for men and women for the for-

eign field. There is positive and immediate call for eleven young women for this work. Before this year is over there are those who will be called upon to give their lives to this work; and there are those who will be called to give that which is dearer than life—a loved daughter, or sister, or friend. May the dear Lord give the strength for this sacrifice to those from whom it shall be required. But this is a call that will come to the few. To most of us comes the infinitely smaller request of a full and hearty support, unstinted sympathy, unceasing, earnest prayers. In dollars and cents, should the eleven young ladies be found, it will cost for outfits and traveling expenses at least ten thousand dollars. The estimates sent us by the American Board for 1885 amount to nine thousand dollars more than ever before. This includes almost no new work; the increase is only the natural growth to which we are pledged. This is a responsibility which we cannot throw aside. We must also plan for requests to come for special emergencies during the year, for new openings that must be seized at the moment, or irreparably lost; so that we are compelled to ask for \$125,000 for the absolutely necessary work in the year 1885.

It is not needful for us to go into details as to how this work is to be done. Each one who did her share last year knows how she did it. As she looks over the year, she sees how she might have done more; how this and that opportunity slipped by without improvement; how a word here, or a suggestion there, might have been just the stimulus needed to bring some half-hearted sister into earnest work; how a little more self-denial might have doubled her subscription; how a little more effort might have brightened up a meeting or strengthened the hands of some weary one in the foreign field. Of any who have these thoughts we ask, Will you continue your good works for 1885, and add to these the might-have-dones of 1884? If there are those who have done all they possibly could,—and we believe there are such much-to-be-envied persons,—we wish to beg of them, having done all, to stand. Of those who are half-hearted and indifferent, if any such should chance to read this paragraph, we wish to ask, Will you not, for once, carefully consider whether it may not be your duty to take some active part in woman's work for foreign missions? We do not pretend to say it is your duty; that is a question that can be settled only between your conscience and your Lord. We do not believe that any Christian woman would thoughtfully say that "I'm not interested," or a careless "I don't believe in it" would be a sufficient reason to throw aside any duty. What should we think of a mother who would give "I'm not interested in children," as a

reason for neglect of her little ones? What would we say if a soldier should say, "I don't believe in it," in excuse for disobeying his leader's commands. We need not multiply illustrations. We know very well that such excuses would not be received in the ordinary affairs of life. No one would pretend to offer them. All we ask is a sincere, prayerful consideration of the whole matter the condition of women without the gospel what it can do and has already done for them; whether it is the desire of our Lord that they should have it; in what way and by whom it should be sent to them; whether it should be done by a few or by all; who is excused from it, and who is especially called to it; whether it should be done this year or a hundred years hence; and, finally, whether it is really a matter that concerns yourself as a Christian woman in this nineteenth century.

Now, may we say just a word to those who are faint-hearted—for we believe those with faint hearts are quite as numerous as the half-hearted or the indifferent. Down deep in their souls they believe in foreign missions, and in woman's part in them, but they are easily overcome by obstacles; they shrink from anything that looks like "fanaticism" or publicity; they wish they could do more, but they think they can't; they distrust their own powers. How often do we hear, "If I had as much leisure as Miss C., or a quantity of money like Mrs. F., I should feel that I could do something;" or, "If I could talk in a meeting as well as Mrs. H., or lead in prayer like Miss B., or write a fine paper like Mrs. G., I would be glad to do it, but I have no talent for such things;" and many like excuses. Suppose these things to be so. Suppose one hasn't the time, the money, the talent of some one else; is that a reason she should not use what she has? A few moments seized from a busy day, or an hour planned for beforehand and obtained with much effort, has twice as much zest in it as time taken from a heavy, aimless day; a hundred pennies given with earnestness and prayer, have much more value than a dollar given carelessly and without thought; a bright piece of information culled from a magazine or newspaper may sometimes have as much effect as an elaborately written paper; two or three petitions from the heart will reach the throne of grace just as quickly as the most eloquent prayer. Let us remember that the few loaves and the small fishes had to be brought to the Master before the multitude could be fed, and that the little lad was just as important in the great transaction as the apostles who gave bread to thousands. Let us comfort ourselves that it is in what we have to give, and in the one who multiplies it, that the power lies—not in ourselves, nor in the way we give it. The greatest boon the human

race has ever known, the Christian religion, was in the beginning intrusted to eleven humble men. They taught its principles to the best of their ability, sending them forth to the world, and they have told upon the fate of empires.

As we start on another year in the life of our Board, remembering the power that lies behind us, let us take heart and press on as never before; let the success of the past year give us courage; let the dire necessities of fifty million of women and children urge us on; let the cries for help from our missionaries inspire us to new zeal; let us one and all "brace ourselves against our God and lift" with all our hearts and all our strength.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the Chapel of Park Street Church, on Tuesday, November 4th at 3 P. M. After devotional exercises, conducted by the President, the report of the Home Secretary was presented, showing an encouraging growth in the work both at home and abroad. The statement of the Treasurer showed the receipts since January 1st to be from all sources \$86,682.64.

A paper entitled "After Many Days," showing how the patient labors of years, so often seeming to be without results, almost always reap their reward. The subject was illustrated by an account of Mrs. Capron's work in Madura and vicinity, where the first years brought comparatively few results, but where there are now over a thousand women under regular instruction from the workers under her care.

The closing address of the meeting was given by Miss F. M. Washburn, of Marsovan, who gave an interesting account of work in Marsovan among the women in the boarding-school, comparing these labors with those in other parts of Turkey, bringing out the obstacles and encouragements of the one work in the Turkish Empire.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 14 and 15, 1885.

TO OUR READERS.

WE wish to remind our readers that this number begins a new year in our magazine, and that it is very desirable that subscriptions be paid in advance. We depend largely upon those received in December for the following year to supply the deficiencies of the summer months. At the time of writing, December 13th, these receipts have been very small in comparison with former years. Please send all possible subscriptions for 1885 before the first of January, and save the magazine from debt.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1884.

MAINE.

Maine Branch.—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas. Calais, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Jessie Wilson Grant, \$35.72; Richmond, Aux., \$4.87; Otisfield, Cong. Ch., \$6; Bethel, 1st Ch., Aux., \$10; Rockland, Aux., \$50; Portland, Y. L. M. B., \$10, \$116 59
Richmond.—A Friend, 2 50
 Total, \$119 09

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Morrisville, Aux., \$10; No. Craftsbury, Aux., \$20; Dummerston, \$1; Bennington, Aux., \$27.25; E. Poultney, Aux., \$11.42; Enosburg, Aux., \$12; Young People's M. C., \$40; Swanton, \$1; Dorset, Willing Workers, \$15; Montpelier, Beth. Ch., Aux., \$22.50; Westminster, West, \$25; Waterbury, Aux., \$14.75; Underhill, Aux., \$19; Rutland, Ann. Meeting, for Morning Star, of wh. \$75 const. L. M.'s A Friend, Miss Farrar Peacham, Mrs. Layyah Barakat, Syria, \$166.70, \$385 62
Waitsfield.—Lydia A. Bigelow, 5 00
 Total, \$390 62

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashby.—Cong. Ch., \$1 00
Barnstable Co. Branch.—Mrs. Bernard Paine, Treas. Yarmouth, Aux., \$5.75; Wellfleet, Aux., \$4, 9 75
Berkshire Branch.—Mrs. S. N. Russell, Treas. Williamstown, Senior Aux., \$213,

Gleaners, \$10; Housatonic, Aux., \$79; Adams, Aux., \$6; Pittsfield, 1st Ch., \$2.85; So. Ch., \$22.68; Hinsdale, Aux., \$56 88, \$390 41
Dunstable.—Aux., 3 00
E. Braintree.—Mrs. E. F. Stetson, 8 00
Essex North Conf. Branch.—Mrs. A. Hammond, Treas. Ipswich, 1st Ch., Aux., \$30; Newburyport, No. Ch., M. C., \$86; Campbell, M. B., \$10; A Friend, \$5, 131 00
Essex South Conf. Branch.—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Danvers, Maple St. Ch., \$27; Lynn, Chestnut St. Ch., \$15, 1st Ch., Aux., \$51, Young Ladies' Aux., \$25, No. Ch., Aux., \$12; Salem, So. Ch., \$374; Middleton, Aux., \$2; Beverly, Washington St. Ch., Aux., \$60, Unity Band, \$20; Centreville, M. C., \$30; Swampscott, Aux., \$44; Ipswich, So. Ch., Ladies, of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Miriam Orswell Waters, \$31; So. Peabody, Do What We Can, \$13, 704 00
Hampshire Co. Branch.—Miss Isabella G. Clarke, Treas. Williamsburg, M. C., \$30; Southampton, Bearers of Light, const. L. M. Miss Lillian E. Boyd, \$28.87; So. Hadley, Faithful Workers, \$8, 66 87
Harvard.—Cong. Ch., 8 75
Mansfield.—Cong. Ch., 7 19
Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. E. H. Warren, Treas. Wellesley, Aux., \$212.45, Penny Gatherers, \$3, Young People's M. C., \$22.55; So. Natick, Ann. Eliot Soc'y, \$10; Natick, Aux., \$22, Y. L. M. C., const. L. M. Mrs. Anna Messenger, \$25; Hopkinton, Aux., \$79.50; Marl-

boro, Aux., of wh. \$50 const.
L. M's Mrs. S. E. Warren,
Mrs. L. G. Stevens, \$77.78; Hol-
liston, Aux., \$8; Saxonville,
Aux., \$10; Maynard, Aux.,
\$34.35; So. Framingham,
Willing Workers, \$33; Lin-
coln, S. S., Cong. Ch., \$25;
Southboro, Aux., \$10; North-
boro, Aux., \$10; Dover, Aux.,
\$4, Ann. Meeting, Thank-Off.
for Morning Star, \$150, \$736 63

Old Colony Branch.—Miss
F. J. Rannels, Treas.
New Bedford, Union Work-
ers, \$40; Taunton, Aux.,
\$147.52, Broadway Ch., M. B.,
\$46; Lakeville Precinct,
Aux., \$100; Attleboro, 2d
Cong. Ch., Aux., const. L. M.
Mrs. Walter Barton, \$100;
Attleboro Falls, Aux., \$31;
Rochester, Aux., \$35, Loving
Helpers, \$5 Dighton, Ladies'
M. C., \$60; Middleboro, Aux.,
\$20.17, Henrietta Band, \$5.83;
Somerset, M. C., \$36; Reho-
both, Aux., \$20, Mizpah Circle
\$40, 686 52

South Hadley Falls, Cong. Ch.
and Soc'y, 30 00

Springfield Branch.—Miss H.
T. Buckingham, Treas.
Wilbraham, Willing Work-
ers, \$40; Chicopee, 3d Ch.,
Aux., \$15, Busy Bees, \$18,
Earnest Workers, \$16; W.
Springfield, 1st Ch., Aux.,
\$83.50; Westfield, 1st Ch.,
Aux., of wh. \$25, by Mrs. L.
M. Hawley, const. L. M. Miss
Annie E. Lockwood, \$260, T.
T. Club, \$100, Light-bear-
ers, \$40, 2d Ch., Aux., \$130.31,
Scatter Goods, \$79.50, Mitte-
neague Gleaners, \$20; Palm-
er, 1st Ch., Thorndike,
\$16.50, 2d Ch., Aux., \$50;
Chicopee Falls, Aux., \$13.60;
Blandford, Aux., \$30; Lud-
low Centre, Aux., \$2; Mon-
son, Aux., \$86; Holyoke, 2d
Ch., Aux., \$96; Agawam,
Aux., \$42, Fresh Laurels,
\$18.77; E. Longmeadow, Aux.,
\$45, Young Disciples, \$6;
Springfield, 1st Ch., Cheerful
Workers, \$82, Circle No. 2,
\$4.67, Sandford St. Ch., Aux.,
\$7, So. Ch., Aux., \$7.75, Y. L.
M. C., \$5 54, No. Ch., Aux.,
\$91, Olivet Ch., Aux., \$81.12,
Hope Ch., Aux., \$41, Memo-
rial Ch., Aux., \$148.10, S. S.,
\$40, Young Ladies' Guild,
\$40, Willing Helpers, \$30;
Indian Orchard, Aux., \$19, 1,805 36

Suffolk Branch.—Miss Myra B.
Child, Treas. Boston, Berke-
ley St. Ch., Ladies, \$180, S.

S., \$38, Mt. Vernon Ch., Aux.,
const. L. M. Mrs. Laura P.
Chapin, Acworth, N. H., \$25,
Central Ch., Aux., \$27.83,
Union Ch., \$203.76; So. Bos-
ton, Phillips Ch., S. S., \$59.30;
Roxbury, Immanuel Ch.,
Aux., \$15.67, Eliot Ch., M.
C's Eliot Star, \$2.59, May-
flowers, \$2.59; Ferguson, 50
cts.; Anderson, \$5; Cam-
bridge, A Friend, \$2; Brook-
line, Harvard Ch., Aux., \$18;
Brighton, Faneuil Rush-
lights, \$2; Waverly, M. C.,
\$75.50; Newton, Aux., \$182.60;
Dedham, Asylum Dime Soc'y,
\$2.20; W. Medway, Aux., \$12, \$854 54
Ware, E. Cong. Ch., Miss L.
A. Tucker's S. S. Cl., 10 00

Woburn Conf. Branch.—Mrs.
N. W. C. Holt, Treas. Win-
chester, Aux., \$55, Seek-and-
Save Circle, of wh. \$25 const.
L. M. Miss Fannie M. Mor-
ris, \$30; Lexington, Aux.,
\$14; Hancock, S. S., of wh.
\$25 const. L. M. Miss Minnie
C. Thayer, \$37.50; Billerica,
S. S., \$6.25; Reading, M. B.,
of wh. \$100 const. L. M. Mrs.
Frank W. B. Pratt, \$185; Car-
lisle, Cong. Ch., Ladies, \$6.25, 334 00
Worcester Co. Branch.—Mrs. G.

W. Russell, Treas. Whitins-
ville, Aux., \$105; Westboro,
Aux., prev. contri. const. L.
M. Miss Susan M. Hardy,
\$35; Lancaster, Aux., of wh.
\$25 const. L. M. Mrs. D. A.
Newton, \$35; Grafton, Aux.,
prev. contri. const. L. M's
Mrs. B. A. Robie, Mrs. Jesse
Smith, Miss I. H. Dennis,
\$60; Oxford, M. C., \$15;
Barre, Thank-Off., \$1;
Worcester, Woman's Miss'y
Asso., Piedmont Ch., \$159,
Central Ch., prev. contri.
const. L. M. Miss Mary R.
Greene, \$50.13, Plymouth Ch.,
\$85.50, Old South Ch., A
Friend, \$2; Leicester, Aux.,
const. L. M. Mrs. Carrie W.
Denny, \$100; Strawberry Hill,
Gleaners, \$15; Winchendon,
North, Cong. Ch., \$60; Gil-
bertville, Aux., \$84; Warren,
Aux., \$43; Spencer, Aux., \$25,
Hillside Workers, \$16; Pax-
ton, \$14; Millbury, 1st Ch.,
\$62; Leominster, Aux., prev.
contri. const. L. M. Mrs. P.
W. Newell, \$15, 981 63

Total, \$6,768 65

LEGACY.

Legacy of Mary Hartshorn,
Reading, \$500 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island Branch.—Miss Anna T. White, Treas. Barrington, Aux., \$50; Petta-sett M. C., \$13.75; Little Compton, \$1; E. Providence, \$2.25; No. Scituate, 75 cts.; Central Falls, 25 cts.; Tiverton, Aux., \$11.50; Providence, Beneficent F. M. C., \$10, Our Boys, \$10, Cheerful Workers, \$10, Friends, \$6.50, \$116 00

Total, \$116 00

CONNECTICUT.

Brooklyn.—From the late Mrs. Mary J. Crosby, \$25 00

Hartford Branch.—Miss Anna Morris, Treas. Hartford, Wethersfield Ave. Ch., Aux., \$35, Miss J. R. Clarke, \$1.40; Simsbury, Pearl Gatherers, \$13; Rocky Hill, Fragment Gatherers, \$29.50; Plainville, Aux., \$73; So. Windsor, Aux., \$20; Poquonnock, Mrs. E. H. Marcy, \$12, 183 90

New Haven Branch.—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Bridgeport, South Ch., M. C., \$43; Higganum, Shining Stars, \$20; Fairhaven, Second Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. H. E. Hovey, \$25; Middlesex Co. Meeting Tithe-Offerings, \$98.50; Middletown, First Ch., \$31; Milford, Mrs. Clark's S. S. Cl., \$20; Norfolk, of wh. \$8 fr. Y. L. M. C., \$110 fr. Mountain Wide-Awakes and Hillside Gleaners, \$118; New Haven, Davenport Ch., S. S., \$60; Wilton, a little girl, for Morning Star, 50 cts.; Morning Star, 50 cts; Fairfield Co. Meeting Thank-Offerings:—Bethel, \$5.50; Darien, \$6; Greenwich, \$5; North Stamford, \$1; Norwalk, \$29.30; Sound Beach, \$6; Stanwich, M. C., \$1.25; Stratford, \$10; Stratford, M. C., \$8.05; Unknown, \$11.50, for a good wife, \$10, from prayer-meeting, \$4.25. Unknown, \$3.27; Easton, \$1, 518 62

Total, \$727 52

NEW YORK.

New York State Branch.—Mrs. G. H. Norton, Treas. Rochester, Miss'y Friends, \$13.50; Millville, \$14; New Haven, \$20; Napoli, \$10;

Westmoreland, \$17; Greene, \$19.50; Brooklyn, Puritan Ch., \$25; Newark Valley, \$15; Fairport, \$20; Buffalo, W. G. Bancroft M. B., \$20, Ann. Meeting Thank-Off, Morning Star, \$400, \$574 00
Newtonville.—Desert Palm Soc'y, 5 00

Total, \$579 00

NEW JERSEY.

Roselle.—Mrs. B. Tenney, \$4 40

Total, \$4 40

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Mrs. Samuel Wilde, Treas. New Jersey, Plainfield, Aux., \$10, Westfield, Aux., \$20.30; Orange Valley, Aux., \$32, Children's M. B., \$1.78; Orange, Grove St. Aux., \$43; Proctor, M. C., \$80, Trinity Cong. Ch., Aux., \$47.70, M. C., \$20, Jersey City, Aux., \$25.35; Bound Brook, Aux., \$25, Beavers, \$30; Woodbridge, Aux., \$26.50; Paterson, Aux., \$12; Vineland, Aux., \$35.50; Montclair, Aux., of wh. \$100 const. L. M. Mrs. J. H. Cooper, \$25 by Mrs. Samuel Wilde, const. L. M. Mrs. M. F. Reading, \$132.55, Y. L. M. Soc'y, \$190, Benefit Jugs, \$2.76; Newark; 1st Cong. Ch., Aux., \$44.87, Workers for Jesus, \$78.80; Maryland, Baltimore, Aux., \$45.80; D. C., Washington, Y. L. M. C., \$45; Virginia, Falls Ch., Aux., \$9; Herndon, Aux., \$13, \$970 91

Total, \$970 91

FLORIDA.

Daytona.—Aux., \$10 00

Total, \$10 00

CANADA.

Woman's Board, \$166 00

Total, \$166 00

Friends, \$15 00

General Funds, \$9,867 19
Weekly Pledge, 4 26
Leaflets, 26 60
Legacy, 500 00

Total, \$10,398 05

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, Treasurer.

In Memoriam.

Entered into the Glory of Heaven.

MRS. RICHARD BORDEN,

of Fall River, Friday, November 14, 1884, in the 87th year of her age.

AFTER three-score and seven years of devoted service in the Church of Christ on earth, Jesus said unto her, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Entering into the celestial city, she joined with her glad alleluias, "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." And now she continues her life eternal, so long since begun on earth, in the service and joy of heaven.

In her life this side of heaven we have a beautiful gift of God which stands as a rich legacy to the world; for Mrs. Borden's life was endowed with a large, rich, and full nature, which was in early life consecrated to God, and infused with his light, and grace, and power. She was a woman of great energy of character, firm in purpose, wise in plan, keen in perception, quick in understanding, true to the right, resolute in action, faithful in duty, weighing well that which she was about to do or say before she gave it outward expression. With these traits were mingled grace of manner, gentleness of bearing, loveliness of spirit and sweetness of speech, charity in thought and act, exquisite sensibilities, and an ardent love of nature.

I have watched the engine bringing the freighted vessel, with steady stroke, into port, laying in the waters of gold and crimson circles of action, widening and widening till lost to sight. So this life, springing from God, threw its circles of power in golden light far and wide in the world.

Mrs. Borden joined the First Congregational Church in Fall River in 1817, the year after its formation; and she and her husband were among the founders of the Central Congregational Church in Fall River in 1842. To them is this church largely indebted for its prosperity, its peace, and its power, by reason of their prayers, their wise counsels, and their liberal and constant gifts. Well have her pastors called her, "Mother in Israel," for she nourished and cherished the church much as she did her own family. She loved the courts of the Lord, and often went to the public worship and to the prayer-meeting in spirit after her feebleness detained her in body.

And for the church she continued her active watchcare and co-operation till the end of her life.

The city of her home blessed her for her warm heart and open hand, always ready to minister to the poor. The trees and vines which she planted about the Children's Home will always sing of her tender care for poor and needy children.

For her country's weal she always felt the deepest interest and solicitude, and for it gave her services when required. To this time our spring-time memorial day always finds the Grand Army procession, on their return from the graves, playing "Auld Lang-Syne" before her door, in memory of her honored husband and herself.

For the education of the Freedman and the Indian she was zealously interested.

Christ said, "My field is the world;" and with her Christ she went abroad in her own land and in foreign lands praying for, and sustaining, home and foreign missions.

Almost from the beginning of our Woman's Board of Missions she has been one of its Vice-Presidents, and it was her great delight, while she was able, to sit in the counsels of this Board. Her last contribution, given a week before her departure with great emphasis, was for this cause. And, in the tender love of Christ, she and her husband drew the missionaries into their own home ministries, where they found rest for their weariness and refreshment for their souls. Many have gone from thence to lands far away with their burdens lightened and their faith strengthened by reason of the tender interest and care found under their roof. From the bed of her last illness packages of material comfort went forth to each.

Many of the children of these missionaries, sent back by them to their native land for education, yet strangers and homeless in a peculiar sense, have found in her a mother, and have been cheered and comforted in her home.

Mrs. Walker's home for missionary children, at Auburndale, received her warmest prayers and generous gifts.

Obedying the Bible injunction "given to hospitality" Mr. and Mrs. Borden have given to many of God's ministering servants, and to others, days in their home which have refreshed and strengthened their lives. Thus she still lives in the cherished remembrance of many homes and hearts.

And this activity in the service of Christ kept this good and noble woman young in spirit, even to more than four-score years.

She loved life for the holy work of the Lord in fellowship with him, and her life thus lived was, and is, eternal.

Passing from earth to heaven in perfect confidence and peace, she said, "I shall see Christ, and be like him; and in this I shall be satisfied."

Board of the Interior.

ANNUAL MEETING OF W. B. M. I. AT MINNEAPOLIS.

BY MRS. A. L. MILLER.

THE happy company that started from Chicago to attend the sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, found they need not wait to set foot in the "City of Waters" before tasting the pleasures of this yearly feast; for even the beginning of the journey was crowned with happy greetings, as we met at the depot the delegates from Michigan and Ohio,—as fresh in spirits as if their hours of travel had been but minutes, and with faces that promised a happy story when their time to report should come. Morning found us more than half way to our destination, and with new recruits from Milwaukee and LaCrosse. Breakfast over, it was suggested that morning service might be observed; and all being assembled in one of the parlor cars, a fortunate stopping-place gave us a chance to hear a short story from St. Paul about one of his missionary journeys, and to join in earnest prayer for the meeting before us, and for the "loved ones left at home." As the train moved on, we joined our voices in "The Lord is my Shepherd,"—riding, meantime, through the beautiful hill-pastures and along the clear waters of the upper Mississippi,—and raised above the noise of the wheels the strains of "Coronation." Arrived at Minneapolis, we were welcomed at the depot by a waiting company with white satin badges, whose responsible bearing and cordial greetings gave promise of generous and efficient hospitality,—a promise which each succeeding day most abundantly fulfilled.

Tuesday evening brought the preparatory meeting—"the new feature" of last year, which bids fair to make itself a regular part of our exercises. Plymouth Church was well filled. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, who had been called away by the death of his father, Rev. J. L. Scudder presided. Prayer was offered by Dr. Sample, of Westminster Presbyterian Church; and then Mr. Scudder gave an address, which took us at once into the very heart of missionary work. Dr. Dana, of St. Paul, followed, speaking in eloquent sentences of "Woman's place in the redemption of the world," and Dr. Greene, of Constantinople, gave a forcible description of the life of women in Turkey, and a feeling tribute to the zeal and wisdom of our workers there, and to the work already accomplished. And then the day closed, as for some of us it had begun, with "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

There was the semblance of a shadow on the full house that gathered Wednesday morning at the opening of our regular session, when Mrs. Leake announced that our beloved President, Mrs. Smith, was prevented by illness from being with us. But the assurance came to our hearts, "Lo, I am with you;" and as we gathered at the Master's feet in our opening prayer, we felt that as our coming together had been "in His name," he would be with and guide our meeting.

Mrs. Baird, having been elected chairman, read Mark v. 25-35 and Matt. ix. 27-29, and gave us as our motto for the day the words, "According to your faith be it unto you."

The Committee on Credentials having been appointed, Mrs. Hutchins offered the greetings of the ladies of Plymouth Church, whom she compared to the porter standing at the gate of the Palace Beautiful, to offer to the coming, weary pilgrims its rest and blessing. The days of preparation to leave home, the perplexities of planning for the journey and the meeting, were our Hill Difficulty; and having safely overcome its trials we were welcomed now to all the sweet hospitalities of this house, built by the Lord of the Hill, and to the refreshment of that chamber looking toward the sunrising called "Peace."

Mrs. Baird replied in a few words of graceful acknowledgment, after which were offered greetings from other missionary organizations. Mrs. Williams, of the Presbyterian Board, referred to their happy meeting in Minneapolis two years since, when hearts and homes were opened to them as now to us, and, "best of all, the Master's heart was opened, and his presence made us glad." She reminded us that the joy and fruitfulness of our mountain-top revelations must depend on the preceding days of humble, prayerful preparation, and that the Mount of Transfiguration must be followed by Gethsemane and Calvary. Mrs. E. H. Miller, of the Methodist Board, spoke of the close fellowship of all Christian workers, being "members together of Him for whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Mrs. Barker offered words of kindly encouragement for the Baptist Board, which held its thirteenth annual meeting last April, and finds the work pushing the workers. Letters were read from the Union Missionary Society of New York, the oldest woman's missionary society in the United States, "the mother of us all;" from "our older sister," the Woman's Board of Missions from Boston; and "our youngest sister," the Woman's Board of the Pacific from San Francisco; and from our Secretary, Mrs. Blatchford, dated "Ocean Steamer Adriatic, nearing Queenstown."

After the reading of the minutes of our last annual meet

ing, came the Treasurer's report—"nothing but figures," but listened to with an interest more intense than any other; for is not this the measure of our success? The figures showed a fair advance over the previous year, \$48,220.40—but not the sum set for our goal.

The foreign report was then presented by Mrs. G. B. Willcox. With graphic description she led us around the world, stopping at bright spots where the gospel flame is kindled and tended by our faithful workers in the midst of deepest darkness. It is impossible to do justice to this report by any extracts, and we can only advise our readers to secure it for their own study and future reference. It, as well as the Treasurer's report, forms a part of the annual report of our Board, and may be obtained from our rooms by inclosing fifteen cents. The summary of what has been accomplished reads as follows: "Our Board has supported the past year, 42 missionaries, 10 boarding-schools, 47 common, or village schools, and 35 Bible-women, besides native teachers, matrons, stewards, etc."

Mrs. Thomas Gulick stirred our hearts by her eloquent story of the spiritual bondage of the women of Spain; and compared it with their possibilities under the light and freedom of the Gospel.

The devotional hour which closed the morning session was led by Mrs. Magoun, of Iowa, who fed our faith by the thought, "The omnipotent God is the power behind the weakest effort put forth in obedience to his word." Miss Kate Scudder, who is very soon to sail for Japan to join Mrs. Oramel Gulick, at Niigata, was introduced, and all hearts joined in an earnest prayer of consecration, voiced by Mrs. Angell, of Ann Arbor.

With kindness and hospitality that knew no bounds, and with skill and wisdom that awoke constantly new surprise, did our enterprising and wise-hearted sisters of Minneapolis provide every possible comfort for their guests. At noon of both days, all delegates were invited to a most bountiful lunch prepared in the church parlors, and so gracefully offered, that had the fare been the Pilgrim's traditional crust and water, it must have proven amply sweet and refreshing from the very grace of its serving.

Afternoon brought us to the Home report, read by Miss Wingate. From it we glean: "Some changes in our working force have occurred during the year. Miss Hope Martyn, whose presence at our rooms has been valued and helpful, was compelled by ill health to resign her place, which is still vacant. And the Angel of Death has not passed us by. August 3d, Miss Mary E. Greene, for fourteen years an honored Secretary of our Board, was called, after a brief illness, to her reward. The day following, the same

summons came to Miss Helen A. Leavitt, State Secretary of Nebraska. What these events mean to us as a Board, words cannot express, but 'He doeth all things well.'" Our publications for the year reach 620,000 pages; besides the *Monthly Mission Studies* with its valuable lessons, and our department in LIFE AND LIGHT with its glimpses of missionary life, and our weekly column in the *Advance*, which takes, through all the Interior, the story of our Friday meetings. The appropriations at the beginning of the year amounted to \$37, 319.18, and before its close swelled to \$42,388.28. Ten married missionaries already on the field are added to our list; also Miss Eva Swift, of Dallas, Texas, sent to the Madura Mission, and Miss Welch, teacher in Umzumbi Home; a house for Misses Dudley and Brown, at Kobe, and half the expense of our single ladies at Kalgan. We have 87 new senior auxiliaries, 34 junior and 59 juvenile, in all 1,248.

Immediately following this report came words of tender appreciation of Miss Mary E. Greene, whose death, already mentioned, has been felt so deeply by our Board. From all parts of the Interior have come these messages of loving and sorrowing remembrance; and from some of these, extracts were read and listened to with tearful interest, as we realized that we "should see her face no more." "May we follow her even as she followed Christ."

Among the workers from the field whose presence gladdened our hearts and stimulated our resolves, were Miss Pinkerton of South Africa, Miss Ogden, M.D., from India, Miss Barnes from Marash College, Miss Parsons from Bardesag, Turkey, Miss Spencer from Hadjin, and Dr. and Mrs. Greene of Constantinople. Miss Pinkerton spoke with tender, anxious interest of her twenty-eight girls, left, during her enforced absence, in care of Miss Welch, who is herself much in need of rest, having been twelve years at work, and suffering from serious trouble with her eyes. It is pleasant to know that Miss Gillis is already under appointment to this school. Dr. Ogden spoke with enthusiasm of her work in India, and reiterated the appeal which comes so universally from all whose eyes have seen the sufferings of women and children in heathen lands. Dr. Ogden's very presence must carry with it those accessories to all medicine, hope and confidence; and we wait anxiously for that restoration of her strength which will enable her to resume her healing ministrations. Miss Barnes told us of the impetus received by the college at Marash in its new and convenient building; of the satisfactory progress of many of her pupils in the more advanced branches of study; and, best of all, in the knowledge of the "way of life."

Three papers of marked interest and ability were read during

the session: one by Miss A. B. Sewell, of Wisconsin, on "Thus saith the Lord;" one by Mrs. Tozer, of Wisconsin; and one by Mrs. Scudder, of Minneapolis, on "Children's Work." We regret that want of space forbids more than mention of these and other valuable papers given during the meeting. We hope that means will be found through our publications of the coming year, or by hektograph copies, to place them within the reach of all our auxiliaries. The ever-interesting theme "Children's Work" was next presented in an animated discussion. Among the thoughts which found expression were these: Children should learn to conduct their own meetings, under leadership. *Should give their own money.* Parents are often enlisted through their children. Let the collection form a part of every meeting. Present not only what has been accomplished on heathen ground, but also the great need still existing, that they may realize there is still a place for workers.

And now it was whispered that the young people were waiting for the older ones to make a place for them; and two rows of seats were cheerfully vacated for a goodly company of "Earnest Workers," who marched in to the music of the piano, bearing their pretty banner, with their name in letters of gold. Their sweet voices united in the song, "Over the Ocean Wave," and they were welcomed with bright, loving words by Mrs. Bradley, of Aurora. Miss Spencer then introduced a little girl dressed in the costumes of the interior of Turkey, and proceeded to enfold and muffle her in the cumbersome wrappings worn by all brides of that country; exhibiting, also, many articles of domestic use, and holding the attention of her young hearers by her winning presence and graphic story.

The evening session found Miss Evans, of Northfield, in the chair. Eloquent addresses were given to a crowded house by Dr. Greene of Constantinople, and President Northfield, of Minnesota State University; and then Mrs. Magoun followed with earnest words respecting, "The place of the Woman's Board among Christian Forces." As she enumerated the "reflex benefits" which return upon all who labor in its service, and step by step led us along the pathway of duty and privilege which stretches before our feet in this blessed work, it seemed to need no Divine command, no sadly echoing voice from out the darkness of heathen lands, where our sisters dwell in their sorrow, to lead us to rise and enter the happy ranks of workers.

THURSDAY.

The morning session opened with prayer by Mrs. Phillips, of

Illinois, and then came the hour devoted to reports of State Branches; an hour full of interest to all who would keep informed of our progress, though to those not acquainted with our organization it may seem to bring much repetition of thought and experience. Travelers pursuing the same road have largely the same story to tell, and our societies find great similarity in theirs. But to those who have an eye for detail, there are distinguishing features in each.

Minnesota opens her story with rejoicing over the privilege of being allowed the annual meeting—a privilege from which they hope to realize new growth and inspiration; and having borne it in their hearts with loving preparation, and in their prayers, for months past, we are sure their hopes will be fulfilled. “An overflowing treasury” is theirs, having one thousand dollars more than their allotted portion. Wisconsin tells of the helpful visits of Capt. Bray and Mr. and Mrs. Logan, and has remembered that “increase of object means doubling, not halving, the dollar.” Iowa rejoices in the support of two missionaries more than in previous years, and has given a daughter, Miss Nettie Palmer, of Cedar Rapids, who has this year gone to Micronesia. They tell us of the five P’s by whose aid their work goes on: “Pluck, Plan, Patience, Perseverance, and Prayer.” Illinois, modestly acknowledging a falling off in its contributions from last year, begs to explain that it has been in the amount given as legacies; the gifts of the living have showed increase. Indiana reports an advance over last year of fifty dollars. Ohio has had her heart and hands filled with special labors within her own borders, having sufferers from floods to care for early in the year, while unusual drouth caused suffering in later months. Still, it brings honorable record. Michigan, pledged to the support of four missionaries, has this year added to the number Miss Searle, of Kobe Home, whose letters have added fuel to their zeal. Missouri has also taken charge of a new worker, Miss Eva Swift, of Dallas, Texas, who went last summer to Madura. They speak of the benefits following the distribution of missionary literature. “Gifts are large in proportion to the Christian intelligence of a people, rather than in proportion to their wealth.” Nebraska stands before us in the garb of mourning, having been bereaved of a beloved Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Leavitt, of whom loving mention has already been made in the pages of *LIFE AND LIGHT*. Kansas has trebled its auxiliaries this year, and gives much credit for its growth to the labors of Miss Hillis, now of India. Colorado still testifies to the power of Miss Shattuck’s residence among them last year: when apparently laid aside from service, her earnest love for missions found a way to

sow plenteous seed. Dakota has had its annual meeting made glad by the visit of Mrs. Magoun, who brought to them the greetings of the parent Board, and planted truths which will be hopefully watched in their growing there. North Dakota Branch has a large proportion of churches yet in their infancy—promising infants, some of them. One formed its Missionary Society when only two weeks old, and a Mission Band is already at work. God bless this young Branch.

The periodicals and leaflets of the Board formed the subject of some earnest words, introduced by a paper on the subject of their distribution, by Mrs. Kellogg, of St. Louis. The value of these sources of knowledge in awakening interest and building up auxiliaries, receives abundant testimony from every source; and here is a suggestion of possible seed-sowing to some who are cut off from more active efforts. Even the shut-in ones may, by inclosing to a friend a leaflet like Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box, Thanksgiving Ann, or Aunt Mehitable's Story, start a fountain whose outpouring shall be enriching and permanent. The discussion of where, when, and how shall we so distribute as wisely to "sow beside all waters," brought out such need of careful discrimination, wisdom, good judgment, and persistence as raised this form of service from an ordinary level to a high plane of Christian endeavor.

Then followed the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's report, recommending its adoption, calling attention to the present opportunity for rising above discouragement, and urging that we "try again" for \$60,000 the coming year; which report was, with entire unanimity, adopted by vote.

The question of appropriations for 1885 was presented in an able paper by Mrs. Temple, which so clearly presents the relations of need and supply, that we wish all our constituents would give it a careful perusal. Hektograph copies may be had upon application to our rooms. With the burden of heavy responsibility suggested by this topic still upon us, we came to the precious devotional hour. Mrs. Leavitt, of Chicago, read Isaiah xii., and wove together promises of strength from Old and New Testament. From many lips came grateful testimony to the sure foundation of our hope, while letters from Miss Brown, in Japan, and Mrs. Porter, blessed mother of missionaries, showed that to the young laborer in her perplexities and weakness, and to the ripened Christian in her rich experience, the same blessed strength is freely given for the asking.

The ladies to whom had been committed Miss Wingate's story of our Home work, gave, through Mrs. Ide, of Milwaukee, a

bright and cheery review of the same, in which some very practical advice was dexterously interwoven with a most older-sisterly emphasis, as this: "We should now and forever break up the *careless, needless* habit of withholding our gifts till the last days of the year;" and this message, to be taken by every delegate to her auxiliary: "It would greatly facilitate the work, and save much anxiety, if the treasurers would remit to State treasurers monthly, or, at most, quarterly, that our Board may know how far we can sustain the progress reported by its missionaries. And a word to those who wait for the lady of the parsonage to lead in all such work: "The ministers' wives ought to be willing to *take their turn with the other ladies of the churches* whenever their peculiar cares leave them time and strength to do so."

The Young Ladies' hour was occupied by the reading of a most delightful paper, "Five Years' Review," written by Mrs. Purington. The closing session was very full, and time fails us to describe all its good things. Mrs. Greene held us breathless with interest as she told of her experience during many years among the Turks, and introduced Miss Spencer in the dress of a lady of Constantinople — a red silk robe, abundant jewelry, and a gauze veil, which only partially concealed the face. Miss Emily Bissell stirred our hearts to tearful overflow as she stood before us in the garb and character of a Brahman woman, and told the story of her life — its isolation, its abundant labors, its bondage to superstitious beliefs; and pictured the mother's agony as she, constrained by dread of greater evils, consented to offer her darling baby a sacrifice to Gunga.

And now the closing hour had come. The missionaries, and mothers of missionaries present, gathered on the platform, and were remembered in special prayer by Mrs. Van Cleve. Our thanks for the untiring and loving care which had provided us with every comfort, and enabled our machinery to move so smoothly, even to providing willing young feet to go noiselessly back and forth with messages, were woven in happy sentences by one who never fails to speak aright; — an hour of social cheer, and our annual meeting was over.

Home Department.

STUDY IN MISSIONARY HISTORY.

THE Lessons of this year will be devoted largely to the study of the work of the American Board in the Turkish Empire and Persia. We shall watch with interest the unfolding of God's

beautiful plan, beginning with the explorations of only two men, Fisk and Parsons, in 1820, and extending until the Gospel has leavened more or less the whole empire.

Study first the extent and condition of the Turkish Empire at that time.

Work of the Board from 1820 until 1830.

Explorations of the first two years.

Death of Mr. Parsons.

Re-enforcements. Beginnings of work at Beirût.

Who were the Druses? The Maronites?

Converts. Asaad Shidiak, Pharez Shidiak, Girghis, Asaad Jacob, Wortabel. The biographies of these men will furnish material for a paper of great interest.

Persecutions.

Beginnings of work in Smyrna.

Political agitations of 1828. Interruptions from the war.

Re-enforcements of 1830. Explorations of that year. Return to Beirût.

Thompson's "Land and the Book" will be of great interest in connection with this lesson; also Van Lennep's "Bible Lands," and the "Women of the Arabs," by Dr. Jessup, "Bible Work in Bible Lands," by Rev. I. Bird, and the Ely Volume, are both helpful. The latter contains illustrations of the Seminaries in Beirût and of Smyrna, besides articles on the geography of these places. The Cyclopedias contain helpful articles.

The expansion of the work subsequent to 1830 makes it necessary to subdivide the study under the head of separate missions. *February* will be devoted to the Syrian Mission down to the time when it was transferred to the Presbyterian Board. The lesson for *March* will be a brief glance at the *Nestorian Mission* in Persia.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

MRS. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 15 TO OCTOBER 22, 1884.

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS BRANCH. — Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. *Cable*, John J. Higgs, 1.39; *Canton*, 5; *Chicago*, 1st Ch., Y. L. Soc., 94.19, Union Park Y. L. Soc., 52.67, Mission Band, 20.02, New Eng. Ch.,

Y. L. Soc., 75, Bethany Ch., 8.60, Millard Ave. Ch., 15.87; *Elgin*, Y. L. Soc., 49.02; *Ev-anston*, Aux., 189.70, Y. L. Soc., 97; *Galesburg*, Philergian Soc., 20, 1st Ch., Mission Band, 20, Knox Sem. Miss. Soc., 12.10; *Geneva*, Y. L. Soc., 10; *Hinsdale*, Aux., of wh.

25 to const. L. M. Mrs. J. A. Porter, 38.18, Y. L. Soc., to const. L. M. Miss Jessie M. Bowles, 25; *Illinois*, 3.50; *Ivanhoe*, 5; *Kewanee*, 15; *Lawn Ridge*, Mission Band, 36.20; *Lyonsville*, 35 cts.; *Lombard*, 16; *Maiden*, 10.88; *Marseilles*, 6.50; *Mendon*, 25; *Neponset*, Aux., 5.60, Mission Band, 14.74; *New Windsor*, Mission Band, 7.40; *Oak Park*, Little Sunbeams, 20; *Oswego*, 8.50; *Ottawa*, 85.25; *Pecatonica*, 2.40; *Princeton*, Whatsoever Band, 30, Acorn Band, 10; *Providence*, 14; *Rio*, 10; *Sandwich*, 32.67; *Udina*, 5; *Wilmette*, 20; *Woodstock*, per Dea. Hobart, 3.76, \$1,126 64

THANK-OFFERINGS.

Canton, 6.25; *Hinsdale*, 10; *Lyonsville*, 4.65; *Marseilles*, 13.95; *Sandwich*, 11.88 46 73
 ADDITIONAL, *Ashton*, M. B. H., 2; *Chicago*, First Ch., L., 10, Leavitt St. Ch., C. B., 25 cts., Lincoln Pk. Ch., Y. L. Soc., 40, New Eng. Ch., 11, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 275.12, Y. L. Soc., 25, Union Pk. Ch., D., 1; *Griggsville*, C. L. B., "stamp act," 2.20, 366 57
 Total, \$1,539 94

INDIANA.

INDIANA BRANCH.—Miss E. B. Warren, of Terre Haute, Treas. *Michigan City*, Aux., 2.13, Juniors, Wall Builders, 3, Juveniles, Cheerful Workers, for New Morning Star, 1.51, \$6 64
 Total, \$6 64

IOWA.

IOWA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. *Big Rock*, 10; *Cedar Falls*, Twelve Ladies, 14, Mission Band, 15; *Davenport*, Aux., 45.50, Mrs. Kate Borland, 10; *DeWitt*, Mrs. M. J. Taintor, 5; *Downey*, Mrs. D. O. Goodrich, 5; *Ogden*, 16.05; *Tabor*, Mrs. Dr. Clark, 2, \$122 55
 For New Morning Star:—*Grinnell*, Mrs. J. B. Grinnell, 1; *Ogden*, Mrs. C. B. Sylvester's S. S. Cl., 1.25, 2 25
 Total, \$124 80

CORRECTION.—In June LIFE AND LIGHT, Iowa's total should be \$181.15, instead of \$118.15.

KANSAS.

KANSAS BRANCH.—Mrs. F. P. Hogbin, of Sabetha, Treas. *Auburn*, 11.93; *Chase*, 1.60; *Diamond Springs*, 6.25; *Blue Rapids*, for New Morning Star, 9, \$28 78
 Total, \$28 78

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, of Jackson, Treas. *Columbus*, 5; *Covert*, 10; *Detroit*, 1st Ch., Aux., 105, Woodward Ave. Ch., Aux., 97, of wh. from Mrs. D. M. Ferry, for L. M.'s of Blanch and Queenie Ferry, 50; *Eaton Rapids*, King's Young Daughters, 12.50; *Grass Lake*, 14.50, S. S., 3.77; *Kalamazoo*, 87.25; *Lansing*, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 57.29; *Owasso*, 44.07; *Port Huron*, Aux., 5, Earnest Workers, 5; *St. Johns*, 23.69; *St. Joseph*, Aux., 17, S. S., 6.52; *Union City*, 7.75; *Wacona*, 10, \$511 34
 For New Morning Star:—*East Saginaw*, Wide-Awake Soc., \$10 00
 Total, \$521 34

MISSOURI BRANCH.

Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. *Lebanon*, 15; *St. Louis*, Pilgrim Ch., 8, \$23 00
 Total, \$23 00

NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. W. Hall, of Omaha, Treas. *McCook*, Mrs. Dungan, 2; *Omaha*, St. Mary's Ave. Ch. Aux., 17.25, First Ch., Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, const. L. M. Mrs. A. F. Sherrill, 25, Aux., 46, Memorial Fund, 2, Juvenile, 5; *Stanton*, Acorn Band, for New Morning Star, 5.58, \$102 83
 Total, \$102 83

Omission.—The following statement should have appeared in LIFE AND

LIGHT for May, 1884. The amount was included in the total for the month.

Nebraska Branch:—

Camp Creek, Mrs. G. T.	
Lee,	2 60
Clay Centre, Chh.,	5 00
Columbus,	3 00
Lincoln, Aux., 11.75, Children's Soc., for Star,	
2.50,	14 25
Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Soc.,	10 35
Springfield, A few friends,	3 85
Total,	39 05

OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H.

Ely, of Elyria, Treas. *Brownhelm*, 6; *Cambridgeboro*, Pa., 5; *Cincinnati*, Walnut Hill Ch., Mrs. Woodbury, to const. L. M. Mrs. H. N. Hollister, of Riverside, Ill., 25; *Cleveland*, First Ch., 45, Miss. Band, 8.14, Dew-Drop Miss. Band, 5; *Cleveland Heights*, 17; *Cuyahoga Falls*, 3.75; *Jefferson*, 21; *Locke*, 3; *Lorain*, 14; *Lyne*, 19.05; *Marysville*, 2; *Nelson*, 4; *No. Monroeville*, 11.55; *Paddy's Run*, W. H., 11; *Painesville*, Aux., 25, Y. L. Soc., 10; *Pittsfield*, 21; *Ridgeville*, Henry Co., 5; *Ruggles*, 10, M. C., 10; *Roolstonn*, 15; *Steubenville*, Y. L. Soc., 18.30, Willing Workers, 9.72; *W. Williamsfield*, 10.50, A friend, 1. Branch total,

\$336 01

INGATHERING, *Brooklyn*, 17.03; *Cincinnati*, 17.50; *Painesville*, 1.50; *Saybrook*, 2; *Springfield*, 15,

53 03

Total, \$389 04

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRANCH.

Mrs. Hiram Jones, of So. Pueblo, Col., Treas. *Cheyenne*, Aux., 100, S. S., 25, S. S., for New Morning Star, 1; *Colorado Springs*, Pike's Peak

Miss. Band, 50; *West Denver*, 20,

\$196 00

Total, \$196 00

DAKOTA.

SOUTH DAKOTA BRANCH.—Mrs.

K. B. Finley, of Vermillion, Treas. *Vermillion*, const L. M. Mrs. G. S. Bascom, 25,

\$25 00

Total, \$25 00

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN BRANCH.—Mrs. R.

Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. *Antigo*, 4; *Baraboo*, Aux., 20, Mrs. A. G. Clark, 5; *Blake's Prairie*, 4.77; *British Hollow*, birthday gift, Mrs. E. L. Davies, 5; *Beloit*, 1st Ch., Y. L. Soc., 37.30; *Bloomington*, 1; *Delavan*, Ingathering, 31; *Fox Lake*, 14; *Green Bay*, 25; *Kilbourn*, 5; *Kenosha*, 43.80; *Lake Mills*, Mrs. A. V. Mills, 1; *Madison*, Aux., 2, Mission Band, 13.07; *Mt. Stirling*, Gay's Mill S. S., 4.16; *New Lisbon*, thank-offering, 5.50; *Oconomowoc*, Y. L. Soc., 25; *Prairie du Chien*, 53; *Platteville*, Y. L. Soc., 15.45; *Pittsville*, 10; *Ripon*, 28; *Racine*, Pansy Soc., 5; *Stoughton*, 1; *Shopiere*, 3; *Sharon*, 14; *Waukesha*, 28, Wisconsin Cong'l Convention, 29.27; *Evansville*, 10; *Milwaukee*, Grand Ave. Ch., Aux., 25, Mrs. Lucy A. Dawes, thank-offering, 1; *Whitewater*, 1; *Ripon*, Do Good Soc., 2; *La Crosse*, 12.80; *New Lisbon*, for New Morning Star, 25 cts. Less expenses, 7.48, \$425 42

Total, \$425 42

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 29.58; envelopes, 5.77; charts, 1.20; cash, 6; income from LIFE AND LIGHT, 491.75,

\$534 30

Total from Oct. 15 to 20, 1884, \$3,917 09
Previously acknowledged, 41,303 31

Total year end. Oct. 22, 1884. \$48,220 04

FROM OCTOBER 22 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1884.

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. *Aurora*, 1st Ch., 7.20; *Chicago*, Bethany Ch., B. M., 1.32; *Crete*, 8.50; *Galva*, 10; *Greenville*, 1; *Lyonsville*, Seed Sowers, 8.28; *Marseilles*, Helping Hands, 10; *Roseville*,

of wh. 85 cts. thank-off., 8.85; *Winnebago*, Y. P. Soc., 2.26,

\$57 41

Total, \$57 41

IOWA.

IOWA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. R.

Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. *Algona*, 3; *Cedar Rapids*, Y. L. Soc., 8, Mrs. Louisa B.

Stephens, 88; <i>Des Moines</i> , S. S., 7.15; <i>Grinnell</i> , 30.80; <i>Grand View</i> , 1; <i>Ottumwa</i> , First Church, 5, Second Ch., 1.25; <i>Stacyville</i> , Children, 16; <i>Tabor</i> , Estate of Miss Abigail Cummings, 70; <i>Win-</i> <i>throp</i> , 10, \$240 20	
For Morning Star:—	
Miles,	2 25
Total,	\$242 45

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, of Jackson, Treas. <i>Armada</i> , 28; <i>Cooper</i> , 13; <i>De-</i> <i>troit</i> , 1st Ch., Y. Ladies, 79; <i>Dowagiac</i> , 6.45; <i>East Sagi-</i> <i>naw</i> , 58; <i>Grandville</i> , Earn- est Workers, sale of Silk Quilt, 41; <i>Grand Rapids</i> , Park Ch., Aux., 50, 2d Ch., Aux., 8; <i>Lexington</i> , 7.10; <i>Manistee</i> , Young Ladies, 12.50; <i>Port Huron</i> , 8; <i>Pot-</i> <i>terville</i> , Mrs. Saunders, 2; <i>Webster</i> , 12, Coll. taken at meeting of ladies of Olivet Conference, 14.25, \$339 30	
INGATHERING, <i>Richmond</i> ,	1 00
Branch total,	\$340 30

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. M. Williams, of Northfield, Treas. <i>Clearwater</i> , 6; <i>Glyndon</i> , 2.47; <i>Lake City</i> , 9; <i>Mazeppa</i> , 5; <i>Medford</i> , Aux. and Willing Workers, 7; <i>Minneapolis</i> , Mayflower Ch., 5.39, A Friend, by Mrs. Hutchins, 10; <i>North-</i> <i>field</i> , 17.29; <i>Owatonna</i> , Aux., 44.75, Merry Hearts, 25; <i>Plain-</i> <i>view</i> , 8, \$139 90	
For New Morning Star:—	
<i>Fairmont</i> , 7.50; <i>Sher-</i> <i>burne</i> , 7; <i>Westford</i> , 1.50; <i>Winona</i> , add'l, 13.75,	29 75
Branch Total,	\$169 65
<i>Minneapolis</i> , Chas. A. Pills- bury, at Annual Meeting, for African Quilt,	100 00
Total,	\$269 65

MISSOURI.

MISSOURI BRANCH.—Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. <i>St. Louis</i> , Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 10, thank- offering, 1, Fifth Ch., 10; <i>St. Joseph</i> , Juvenile Soc. of Tabernacle Ch., 20, \$41 00	
Total,	\$41 00

NORTH DAKOTA BRANCH.

Mrs. R. C. Cooper, of Coopers- town, Treas. <i>Cooperstown</i> , 15; <i>Wahpeton</i> , 10, \$25 00	
Total,	\$25 00

OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. <i>Alex-</i> <i>andria</i> , 2; <i>Claridon</i> , 12; <i>Cleveland</i> , First Ch., Y. P. M. Soc., 7.12, Jennings Ave. Ch., Y. L. Soc., 7.70; <i>Colum-</i> <i>bus</i> , Eastwood Ch., 5; <i>Steu-</i> <i>ben</i> , 8; <i>Tallmadge</i> , Cheerful Workers, 27; <i>Toledo</i> , First Ch., 110; <i>Twinsburg</i> , 18; <i>Wellington</i> , M. W. L., thank- offering, 1, \$197 82	
Total,	\$197 82

TENNESSEE.

<i>Memphis</i> , 2d Ch., Aux., \$7 15	
Total,	\$7 15

WISCONSIN BRANCH.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. <i>Brand-</i> <i>on</i> , 2.65; <i>Menasha</i> , Cheerful Workers, 36; <i>Racine</i> , 1st Ch., Aux., 37.75, K. Y. Daughters, 4.25, Welch Ch., Y. L. Soc., 5.75; — A Friend, thank- offering, 4. Less expenses, 1.73, \$88 67	
Total,	\$88 67

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Northwood Centre</i> , Aux., \$5 00	
Total,	\$5 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Stamford</i> , Aux., \$12 00	
Total,	\$12 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 18; of leaf- lets, etc., at Annual Meeting, 12.27; of "Life of Coan," do- nated by Mrs. C., 4; Collec- tion at 16th Annual Meeting, 152.06, \$186 33	
Total,	\$186 33

Receipts from Oct. 22 to Nov.
18, 1884,

Total,	\$1,472 78
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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

THE monthly meetings of the Board have brought the same hours of pleasant fellowship as in the past, with increased opportunities of work for the Master. Our average attendance is about fifty—a slight increase over that of former years. As we take a bird's-eye view of this work, we see the laborers at home and abroad brought nearer to each other each successive year.

When Paul “went through all Asia preaching the Word,” and then into Greece, afterward to Rome, by that long, perilous journey, how far distant and inaccessible were those mission stations! Five days from Phillippi to Troas!

Now, one of our own number, in the short space of six months, has, from these “ends of the earth,” sped across the ocean and looked with her own eyes upon some of the “seven churches of Asia,” and has taken by the hand some of the dear missionaries laboring there, thus linking in a vital way the work at home and abroad. . . .

OUR SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

Firstly and always LIFE AND LIGHT. Its monthly visits send a quickening thrill through our hearts. You who can appreciate literary merit in the interesting, intelligent, bright and cheery letters of our sisters in the strange lands, read our LIFE AND LIGHT.

Young ladies, are you discussing the matter of How and what shall we do? Take, for instance, the March number, and read what the young ladies at the East are doing for a hospital at Tung-cho, in North China, with which a young lady physician,

Miss Holbrook, is connected, and of which Miss Evans of that mission recently told us.

Mothers, whose yearning hearts, like the mother of Samuel J. Mills and of the sainted Augustine, would consecrate their little ones to this divine work, do you want a simple story to convey to them some precious truth? Here you will find it. Do any wish to know of our share in this work? We have here four pages in which to tell it. Mrs. Savage, of Berkeley, is the efficient editress of this our department.

An elderly gentleman in one of our churches, a convert from Judaism, reads and feasts on every word of this little magazine; and as a result of his reading an occasional gold-piece, sometimes a \$10, again a \$5, finds its way into our treasury. We hope to report this year a large increase in the number of copies taken.

Those of us who are Sunday-school teachers of young ladies, can we not place it in their hands? Its price is but sixty cents. And do any prefer a more systematic and less superficial method of gaining the needful information? Here it is in the *Mission Studies*, so admirably prepared for this purpose by the Board of the Interior? This is a four-leaved paper, monthly, at twenty cents a year. The *Mission Day-Spring*, an illustrated little periodical, published by the Board at Boston for Sunday-schools mainly, is beautiful for this purpose. This also is twenty cents a year. And, lastly, to complete our education in this line, to put the finishing touches, as it were, in these studies, we have our own column in *The Pacific*, edited by Mrs. Jewett. This is the artery that carries the warm pulsations of our hearts to the very extremities, and brings us closer to our sisters throughout this coast.

We would not forget that all these means of quickening are as nothing in comparison with the influence of the Holy Spirit on individual hearts. Great missionary zeal has followed the great revivals which have marked the religious history of our country, and it is to this we must look and pray before our ideal is reached. A new feature has been added to our meetings the past year; viz., that of having "notes from the wide field" gathered up and presented at each meeting. This embraces items of interest connected with the work of other missions besides our own. Mrs. Richardson, of Oakland, was appointed for this work, and she has well fulfilled her task, and given us a comprehensive view of what is being done in the wide field of missionary effort.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

This brings us to the very heart of our work; but as you will

hear from our foreign secretary something of each in detail, it will be sufficient for this report simply to give their names, one of which has long been familiar to you, with the appropriations as accepted by us in the fall of 1883.

Zulu Mission, South Africa:—

Salary of Mrs. Carrie Goodenough	\$450 00
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Broosa, Western Turkey Mission:—

Female Seminary, ten scholarships	\$374 00	
Teacher	264 00	
Service, fuel, etc.	193 60	
Salary of Mrs. Baldwin	396 00—	1,227 60

Japan, Kioto:—

Salary of Miss Starkweather	650 00
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San Sebastian, Spain:—

School under the care of Mrs. Alice Gulick	500 00
For the running expenses of the Morning Star	500 00

Total	\$3,327 60
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It may be a matter of interest to some to know how our contributions compare with those at the East. First, collectively, the Board at Boston, including all the New England States, with New York, New Jersey, and some others gathered in last year, including legacies, \$128,468. The Board of the Interior, including the great interior States, formerly called the "Western States," \$45,564. Our Board of the Pacific, *not* including some gifts sent directly to the Board at Boston, \$3,397. This, a collective comparison, is not especially encouraging. Taking it individually, the average contributions for each female member of our churches stand thus: For those connected with the Board at Boston, seventy-six cents each; for those connected with the Board of the Interior, sixty cents each; and for our own Board, ninety-six cents each. How easy it seems in thought to bring up our contributions to at least one dollar for every female member of our churches!

It may, and will, probably, be said that this represents but a small part of our giving. We have the Home Missionary work, besides what comes in the line of our church and local work for the sick and poor. The Home Missionary Society aims at \$2 per member for its distinctive work. Can we not ask for one dollar for every female member of our churches? To do this, there must be some systematic effort in the beginning of the year. Statistics will probably give 4,000 as the number in our churches, of female members. Can we report \$4,000 for this work?

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

The condition of these will be given in the report of the Home

Secretary. We rejoice to be able to add the names of some strong and helpful societies. We have felt this to be an uneventful year, but there has been a bright spot, which we must record and rejoice over together; viz., the delightful communication from Oregon, which you have probably read in the column, asking to be identified with us in this work and through our treasury. This is what we have long desired and labored for. Our sisters at the East look upon us—Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, and California—as one. And why should we not be? We are geographically more closely allied, as well in history and in material interests, than with any others east of the Rockies; and so, sisters in Oregon, Washington, and Arizona, we clasp your hands in cordial welcome in this fellowship of labor.

One outlook more ere this bird's-eye view is closed. As we take notice of our appropriations to the work of missions, we can but observe the change that years have wrought in the methods employed. Instead of the direct preaching *only* of the Word, the almost undivided efforts of the missionaries are given to schools for the young.

It is a hard task to preach the pure gospel to the untutored mind of an adult, and so Christian women of truly consecrated hearts are sent to take the children and youth, and teach them the sweet "old story," and with it many of the simple industries of our Christian civilization, which do so much in our homes to make them what they are. Thus a new generation will arise thoroughly imbued with Christian principles of heart and life, that will renovate these nations, and hasten the dawning of that glad day for which all eyes are looking.

Another new feature of the missionary work in these our days which goes to our very hearts, is the medical work being done by Christian, educated women for the suffering of our own sex. And we who know the needs and possibility of good in this direction, can rejoice that it has no longer escaped the notice of the Christian world. And what an avenue for good is here! The tender ministrations, the healing, soothing, common-sense remedies, the kindly counsels as to the care of our bodies, these temples of the Holy Ghost, then the quickened hearts led upward to the Great Physician of the soul—what a work is this! Is it not more closely allied to the Master's blessed ministrations while here on earth than any other?

And as in this our annual meeting we are gathered here to concentrate our thoughts on those whose lives are in such sad contrast with ours, we must recall anew our Saviour's words, "Freely ye have received, freely give!"

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